GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LEGISLATION FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to bring a central legislation for the welfare of agricultural labourers is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a bill in this regard is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (c): A proposal regarding enactment of a Central legislation for the welfare of agricultural labourers had been under consideration of the Government. Due to lack of consensus amongst the State Governments on various components on the draft Bill, the matter could not be processed further. However, the Government is contemplating introducing in the Parliament an umbrella legislation on unorganised sector workers. The category of workers proposed to be covered, inter-alia, include agricultural labourers.